



Illness or Murder?

The death of King Tut.

Read the evidence below. Colour it in **RED** if you think it shows King Tut died of an illness. Colour it **GREEN** if you think it shows King Tut was murdered.

During an x-ray of the mummy in 1968, scientists found bone fragments in Tut's skull.

King Tutankhamun had a break in the bone just above his left knee. Modern technology shows that the damage was not done after death, but that the young king broke it in life, probably as a result of falling from a chariot. The fracture had no time to heal before he died.

Tutankhamun's tomb contained many baskets and jars crammed full of medicinal herbs to cure headaches and fever.

The priest, who had been King Tut's adviser, married King Tut's wife after his death. A situation neither King Tut nor his wife wanted. The priest became the next pharaoh.

Now you have read the evidence do you think Tutankhamun was killed by an illness or a murderer?

Write in the space below what you think and why.